



Iowa Elder Abuse Prevention &  
Awareness

# Elder Abuse Defined

- **Elder Abuse – Older Americans Act  
Title 7, Chapter 3**
  - Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation of an Individual Age 60 or Older, Including Financial Exploitation

# OAA – Title 7 – Chapter 3

- Carry Out Programs for the
  - Intervention in
  - Investigation of
  - Response to

Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Including  
Financial Exploitation

# OAA – Title 7 – Chapter 3 (cont'd)

- Safe Haven Shelters
- Support Multidisciplinary Elder Justice Activities
- Establish and Support Elder Fatality & Serious Injury Review Teams
- Develop & Maintain a State Clearinghouse
- Program Coordination with Other State Agencies

# OAA – Title 7 – Chapter 3 (cont'd)

- Prevention, Education & Technical Assistance
  - General Public
  - Stakeholders & Partners (Law Enforcement, Financial Institutions, Community Providers, Facilities, etc.)
  - Ombudsman
  - Families & Caregivers
- Promote Financial Literacy & Prevention of Identity Theft
- State Elder Abuse Law

# OAA – Title 7 – Chapter 3 (cont'd)

- Specific Collaboration With Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO)
  - Provide Technical Assistance
  - Improve Capacity of LTCO Programs to Respond to/Resolve Complaints
  - Collaborate with LTCO Training Programs
  - Work with Facilities, Programs & LTCO to Establish Safe Havens & Provide Technical Assistance
  - Collaborate with LTCO on Elder Fatality & Serious Injury Review Teams
  - Coordinate with LTCO in Developing Best Practices for Facilities & Programs to Reduce Elder Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation Including Resident to Resident Abuse
  - Include LTCO on MDT or Interdisciplinary Teams

# Federal Funding

- FFY07 - \$56,034
- FFY08 - \$55,927
- FFY09 - \$55,927
- FFY10 - \$55,927
- FFY11 - \$55,927
- FFY12 - \$55,927

# Federal Dollars Spent on Abuse & Neglect

- Child Abuse - 6.7 Billion  
(24% population)
- Domestic Violence – 520 Million  
(57.5% population)
- Elder Abuse – 153.5 Million  
(18.5% population)

Source: Congressional Research Service

# System Comparisons

- 40 Years Behind Child Abuse System
- 20 Years Behind Domestic Violence
- Older Iowans Deserve Better; We Can Do Better...

# Iowa Efforts to Address This Issue?

- Elder Abuse Prevention & Awareness Committee (EAPAC)
- Elder Abuse Initiative Demonstration Projects (2001 – 2011)
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)
- Presentations

# EAPAC (Elder Abuse Prevention & Awareness Committee)

- Established in 1993
- Legislative Workgroups - Recommendations
- Case Consultations
- Training Manuals
- Public Awareness Campaigns
  - Elder Abuse Hurts Too!
  - Plan While You Can
  - Educational Webinars
- 1998, 2003, 2006 – Dependent Adult Abuse Forums & Survey
  - 2003 Survey Results – Findings Published in Social Work in Health Care Quarterly Journal (Vol 40 #2, 2004)

# EAI Demonstration Projects

## 2001 - 2011

### House File 740 (Senior Living Program)

\$255,800 shall be used to fund strategies for elder adult abuse detection, training, and services.

FIRST TIME EVER IN IOWA HISTORY!!

# EAI Demonstration Projects (cont'd)

- Added Another FTE
  - Elder Abuse System Director (OAA/Federal)
  - EAI Program Director (State)
- RFP for Two Demonstration Projects
  - Heritage Area Agency on Aging & Generations Area Agency on Aging
- Two Additional Projects Added Later
- One FTE – Regional Prevention Coordinator
- Designated Funds For Support Services

# What Did The Elder Abuse Initiative (EAI) Do?

- Public Awareness
- Provided Consultations, Intervention Assessments
- Helped In Navigating Available Local Assistance and Resources
- Facilitated The Attainment of Services and/or Equipment
- Provided The Needed Aging Network Expertise For These Complicated Cases

# EAI Data – FY07 thru FY11

- 22 of the 99 Counties
- 11,903 Total Referrals
- 12,816 Individuals Educated
- 66% Had Mental Health Issues
- 44.4% Experienced Financial Exploitation
- Estimated Only 16% of EAI Clients Fell into the Category of Dependent Adult Abuse

# Elder Abuse Initiative Funding

**House File 740:** \$255,800 shall be used to fund strategies for elder adult abuse detection, training, and services.

Project funding  
Ended 6/30/11

FY	SLP	Gen App	Total Funds
07	\$346,424	0	\$346,424
08	\$348,250	0	\$348,250
09	\$352,160	\$200,000	\$552,160
10	\$462,519	\$200,000	\$662,519
11	\$355,128	\$90,167	\$445,295

# House File 2387

- Elder Abuse Review and Report
  - Iowa Department on Aging shall work with Dept. Inspections & Appeals, Dept. of Human Services, Attorney General's Office and other stakeholders
    - Current Situation
    - Analysis of Laws in Other States
    - Analysis of Current State Laws

# House File 2387

- Elder Abuse Summit – August 3, 2012
  - 193 Participated
  - 70 Entities Represented
- Task Force
  - September 26 & October 25: Summary, Handouts, Information on website
  - 23 Members
- Report to Legislature Due December 15

# Delicate Balance...

- Prevention
  - Training, Education,
  - Public Awareness
- Detection
- Reporting
  - Referrals
  - Assessment
- Intervention
  - Intervention Plan
  - Services
  - Collaborate with other systems

# Contact Information:

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